

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. An apparatus for producing a bound print item from at least one printed product supplied in a straddling position to be stitched with the aid of a wire staple in a stitching section, comprising:

a conveying device including a support comprised of individual elements and having a slanted side, and carriers for arranged for a synchronized transfer of the printed products to an intermediate conveyor installed upstream of the stitching section; and

a synchronously driven support plate mounted to a side of the conveying device and having a circumference with at least one recess arranged for cooperating with the carriers.

2. The apparatus according to claim 1, wherein the support plate has a flat surface arranged to a side of the slanted side of the support of the conveying device.

3. The apparatus according to claim 2, further including a guiding device arranged upstream of the support plate, as seen in the conveying direction of the print item, the

guiding device lifting up sides of the print item on the side of the support of the conveying device.

4. The apparatus according to claim 1, further including a deflection wheel coupled to the conveying device and a gear connected to the deflection wheel and arranged for driving the support plate.

5. The apparatus according to claim 4, wherein the gear comprises two drive-connected toothed belt drive gears.

6. The apparatus according to claim 4, including a hub connected to the gear, wherein the support plate is detachably mounted to the hub.

7. The apparatus according to claim 1, wherein the circumference of the support plate is arranged approximately tangentially to a conveying path of the print item.

8. The apparatus according to claim 1, further comprising a guide rail arranged for straddle positioning of the print item received from the conveying device, wherein the

support plate has an operating surface that is arranged on a side of the guide rail.

9. The apparatus according to claim 1, further including the intermediate conveyor, wherein the guide rail is arranged in an operational range of the intermediate conveyor.

10. The apparatus according to claim 1, wherein the support plate comprises two support plates positioned opposite each other on both sides of the conveying device.

11. The apparatus according to claim 10, further including expanding wedges arranged below the intermediate conveyor.